MINNIE THE MOOCHER

(THE HO DE HO SONG)

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I hear the bells of Av - a - lon Re-mind - ing me that you are gone, An-oth - er day has

SENTIMENTAL GENTLEMAN FROM GEORGIA

He's just a SEN-TI-MEN-TAL GEN-TLE-MAN FROM GEOR-GIA, Geor - gia, Gen-tle to the

CABIN IN THE COTTON

There's a cab - in in the cot - ton, Far a - way but not for-got - ten, and in

DON'T TELL A SOUL (WE'RE IN LOVE)

Don't tell a soul we love each oth - er, Don't tell a soul lest they dis - cov - er,

TWENTY ONE YEARS

The judge said "Stand up, boy, and dry up your tears, You're sen-tenced to Nash -

THE SCAT SONG

When your sweet - ie tells you that it's gon-na be all O - kay, Just skat 'n' skeet 'n'

CALL ME BACK, PAL O' MINE

Call me back, Pal o' mine, let me dream once a - gain, Call me back to your heart, Pal o' mine,

DINAH

"Din-ah is there an-y-one fin - er in the state of Car-o - lin-a, If there is and you

MOOD INDIGO

Al-ways get that mood in - di - go, Since my ba - by said good - bye, In the eve - nin'

STAR DUST

Some-times I won-der why I spend the lone - ly night Dream-ing of a song? The mel - o - dy

YOU WONDERFUL THING

Bird-ies in the trees are har-mo - niz - in', A - bout your pret-ty charms they're ad-ver - tis - in', When-

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Tune Ukulele
A D F# B
Capo on 1st fret

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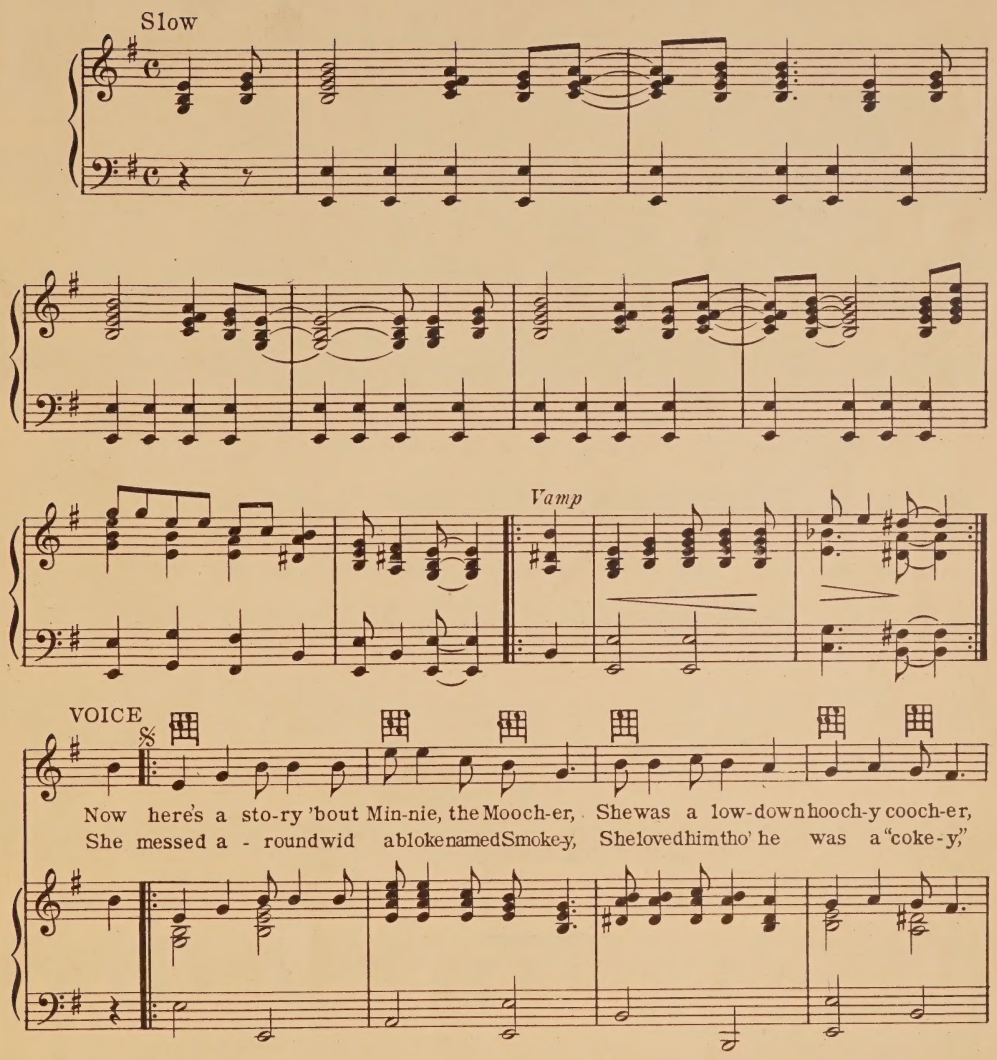

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She was the rough-est, tough-est frail, But Min-nie had a heart as big as a whale.
He took her down to Chi-na-town, And showed her how to kick the gong a-round.

CHORUS

Ho de ho de ho, (Ho de ho de ho) Rah de
Hi de hi de hi, (Hi de hi de hi) Ree de

dah de dah, (Rah de dah de dah) Tee dle dee de dee (Tee-dle
dah de doo, (Ree de dah de doo) Bo-de dah do dah (Bo-de

1.2.3.etc.

dee de dee) Ho de ho___ de ho, (Ho de ho-o de ho) Now
dah do dah) Ho de ho___ de ho, (Ho de ho-o de ho) She

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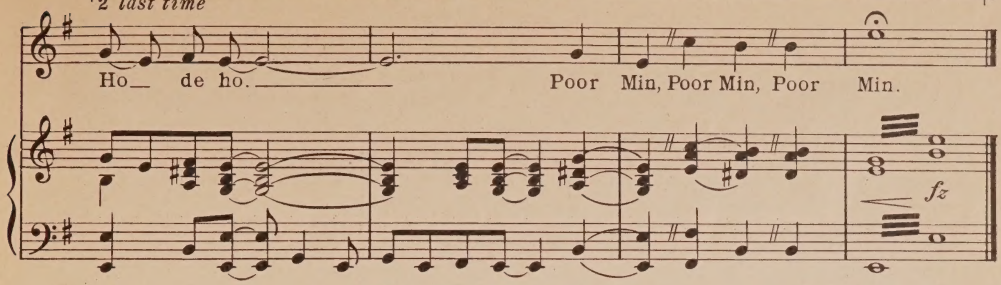

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She had a dream 'bout the King of Sweden
He gave her things that she was needin'
Gave her a home built of gold and steel
A platinum car with diamond-studded wheels

Chorus

Wah de woo de way, Oh Baby,
Doh de dee de doh, Ho de ho de ho

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He gave her his town house, and racing horses
Each meal she ate was a dozen courses
She had a million dollars in nickels and dimes
And ev'ry day she counted 'em a million times

Chorus

Bee de doo de dow, Oh Minnie,
Wa de wa de doo, Ho de ho de ho

5

Now Min' and Smokey they started jaggin'
They got a free ride in a wagon
She gave him the money to pay her bail
But he left her flat in the County Jail

Chorus

Skee de doo de dee, Skah de dah de dah,
Skow de dow de dow, Ho de ho de ho.

6

Poor Minnie met Old Deacon Low-down
He preached to her she ought to slow down
But Minnie wiggled her jelly roll
Deacon Low-down hollered "Oh save my soul"

Chorus

Yip i yip i ay, Ump i dump i dah,
Yah de dah de do, Ho de ho de ho

7

They took her where they put the crazies
Now poor old Min' is kickin' up daises
You've heard my story, this ends the song
She was just a good gal but they done her wrong

Chorus

Whoop ee doop ee dah, Hi de hi de hi
Skid a ma rinky dee, Ho de ho de ho

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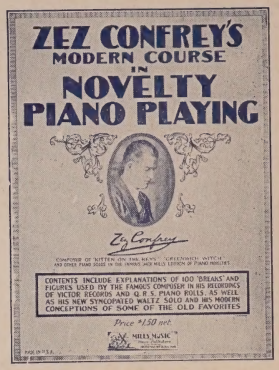

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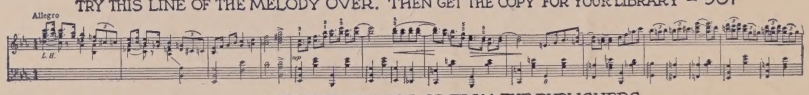

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